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WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. NESSEN
PASS SECRETARY ONBOARD AIRCRAFT

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS AFTER MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, MAY 7, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH PRESS MAY 7, 1976, PARIS:

2. MR. KISSINGER: THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND
I HAD EXTREMELY USEFUL AND EXTREMELY FRIENDLY DISCUS-
SIONS. I TOLD THE PRESIDENT MY IMPRESSIONS OF MY
VISIT TO AFRICA AND OF SOME OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH WE ARE
THINKING OF GOING. THE PRESIDENT GAVE ME HIS
CONSIDERATIONS WHICH I THOUGHT WERE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT,
AND WE HAD A MOST USEFUL EXCHANGE. WE ALSO REVIEWED
THE SITUATION IN LEBANON IN SOME DETAIL AND WE
UNDERSTAND THAT WE OUGHT TO HAVE PARALLEL INTERESTS
THERE AS WELL. WE REVIEWED THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE
UNITED STATES TO WHICH WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT
ANTICIPATION AND WHICH WILL GIVE THE TWO PRESIDENTS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE WHOLE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS. AND AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED,
WE ATTACH VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE TRIP OF
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PRESIDENT GISCARD AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT WITH

GREAT ANTICIPATION.

3. Q.FRENCH TROOPS TO LEBANON?

4. A. WE JUST DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN A GENERAL WAY INCLUDING ALL OF ITS ASPECTS. ANY SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY ANY OF THE COUNTRIES WILL EVOLVE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, SO WE DID NOT DISCUSS ANY PRECISE PROJECTS.

5. Q. BUT IN THE FEW DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, HOW DO YOU VIEW THE FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP?

6. A. I THINK THE FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER. IT IS BEING PURSUED ON THE BASIS OF STRICT EQUALITY IN WHICH EACH SIDE RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN VIEWS ON MATTERS, BUT ON THIS PLATFORM I WOULD SAY OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER AND WE ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE VIEWS OF FRANCE AND SEEK TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO COORDINATE OUR POLICIES ON A PARALLEL COURSE.

7. Q. DID YOU SPEAK OF THE FUTURE OF THE CONCORDE IN THE UNITED STATES?

8. A. THE SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP IN ANY DETAIL BUT IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME UP, I WOULD THINK, WHEN THE PRESIDENT VISITS THE UNITED STATES, AND I HAVE BEEN

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NOTORIOUS IN THE UNITED STATES ABOUT STATING MY VIEW
FROM THE FOREIGN POLICY POINT OF VIEW. . . (LAUGHTER).

9. Q. HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S
POSITION ABOUT FRENCH AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS?

10. A. I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT AND I
DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE FRENCH
DOMESTIC SITUATION.

11. Q. (INAUDIBLE).

12. A. WE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN LEBANON IN SOME
DETAIL AND IN THE COURSE OF THIS HAD A BRIEF REVIEW OF
THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

13. Q. MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY
OF. . . THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN ITALY . . . THE
COMMUNISTS?

14. A. I THINK WE BOTH AGREE THAT THE DOMESTIC DECISIONS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FOR THE OTH
OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES TO MAKE.
EACH OF US HAS A RIGHT TO STATE WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES
FOR OUR OWN POLICY ARE, BUT THIS WAS NOT THE OCCASION TO
DO THIS.

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15. Q. THE ENGLISH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
ANTHONY CROSLAND, JUST CAME BACK FROM CHINA, AND
APPARENTLY SAID WHEN HE CAME BACK THAT THE CHINESE
OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND RUSSIA WAS GOING TO HAPPEN PRETTY SOON.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

16. A. WELL, THIS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE, INCLUDING TO
ME. WE DO NOT CONSIDER A WAR WITH THE SOVIET UNION
INEVITABLE AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE TWO GREAT NUCLEAR
POWERS HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO WORLD PEACE IN
CONDUCTING THEIR RELATIONS WITH RESTRAINT, AND NO ONE
HAS A MORAL RIGHT - NO ONE IN OUR COUNTRY HAS A MORAL
RIGHT - TO TALK ABOUT THE INEVITABILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR.

17. Q. MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GOING BACK
TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE FOREIGN POLICY SEEMS TO BE
THE MAJOR ISSUE IN THE ELECTIONS?

18. A. WELL, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE IN A FRIENDLY
CAPITAL. . . .
END REMARKS.
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